

# december

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at Artistic Expressions @ 10:30 then lunch at Chick-fil-A

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LAURA TEAGUE

EMBC Christmas Musical 6:00p.m.

9:30am -11:30am momMEtime @ Church

Christmas Eve Celebration 5:00p.m. NATIONAL "I FORGOT THE BATTERIES?" DAY

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# mommetime

NOVEMBER 18, 2009

# True Stories

I was in a friend's wedding and was being fitted for the dress at the bridal salon. My two-year-old son was in the dressing room with me while the very cute, little blond sales girl stood outside with my one-month-old. As I started to get undressed, my son yelled out in a loud voice, "Ewwww! Gross! You got a rash! Ewwww! That's disgusting!" Of course, it was not a rash; he saw my stretch marks from my second pregnancy. The cute little sales girl heard everything; I could have died

One day we were at Walmart's with my three-year-old son, who hates riding in the back of the shopping cart. I told him to pretend he was driving to make him happy, fixed him a seat on the pack of diapers we were buying, and gave him something to use for a steering wheel. As we were going down an aisle we stopped behind an older lady who was taking her time and blocking the way. I stood there, waiting for her to finish browsing when out of nowhere my son yelled, "Honk, honk, move it Grandma!"

# Thanksgiving Tips

At Thanksgiving are you calm, cool, collected or are you running around like a chicken with its head cut off? If you are, then you more than likely aren't giving yourself enough time to prepare for Thanksgiving. Throughout the years, I have learned several easy preparation tips from my Mom and Granny. These easy Thanksgiving preparation tips have allowed me to easily prepare Thanksgiving dinner and actually enjoy the holiday. Here are easy preparation tips that I use every Thanksgiving.

**- Make desserts the day before Thanksgiving.** This really makes sense. It's so hard to bake everything at the same time because everything seems to bake at different temperatures. Even if you aren't baking this easy preparation tip comes in handy. Having your pies, candy, etc already made will give you more time to work on preparing the turkey, vegetables, etc.

**- Peel potatoes the day before Thanksgiving.** This easy preparation tip may not seem to save a lot of time, but it really does. The day before Thanksgiving I peel the potatoes, place them in a bowl of water, and then put them in the refrigerator. This way, they won't oxidize and turn brown. When you are ready to cook your potatoes, simply drain off the water and cook them like normal.

**- Make cornbread for homemade dressing the day before Thanksgiving.** I can't believe I went so many Thanksgivings without doing this. I used to bake my cornbread while my turkey was baking and hope I could get my dressing mixed and baked before the turkey was done. Now, I always bake my cornbread the day before and then all I have to do is mix up the ingredients and bake the dressing.

**- Cut up vegetables the day before Thanksgiving:** This also saves a lot of time. Whether you need vegetables for homemade dressing or you're putting out a vegetable platter, this is an easy preparation tip that will make your Thanksgiving more enjoyable

**- Thaw turkey well ahead of time.** Nothing is worse than going to fix your turkey on Thanksgiving and it's still partially frozen. By following this easy preparation tip, this Thanksgiving, you will be able to get everything finished on time rather than having to wait longer because your turkey still isn't done.

**- Have someone else do the little things.** Whether it's buying pre-cut vegetables from the produce section or buying pre-made mashed potatoes, this is an easy preparation tip that just makes sense. Why should you waste your time this Thanksgiving cutting vegetables or baking rolls?

**- Share the responsibility.** This Thanksgiving ask your friends and family to bring different dishes and then all you have to do is cook the turkey. This is an easy preparation tip that will truly allow you to have an enjoyable Thanksgiving.

**- Order a Thanksgiving dinner from the store.** In this day and time you can get wonderful Thanksgiving dinners from your local grocery store. If you aren't comfortable with having the whole dinner catered, only buy the items you dread making the most.

Do you have stories, recipes, or mommy hints to share? Send them to [casperose7@hotmail.com](mailto:casperose7@hotmail.com), you just may see them here next month!

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